

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A conductive paste comprising:
 - (a) a conductive powder;
 - (b) an organic vehicle; and
 - (c) at least one compound which has a heterocyclic structure including nitrogen but not including sulfur and which can be dissolved into the organic vehicle.
2. The conductive paste according to claim 1, wherein the compound which has a heterocyclic structure including nitrogen but not including sulfur and which can be dissolved into the organic vehicle is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole, quinoline, isoquinoline, carbazole, indole, and 1,8-diazaphenanthrene.
3. The conductive paste according to claim 1, wherein the conductive powder comprises at least one material selected from the material group consisting of Pt, Ag, Ni, Cu, Al and W or an alloy including at least one material selected from the material group.
4. The conductive paste according to claim 1, wherein the organic vehicle comprises at least one resin compound selected from the group consisting of compounds having a cellulose structure, compounds having a cellulose ester structure, and compounds having a cellulose ether structure.
5. The conductive paste according to claim 1, wherein the compound which has a heterocyclic structure including nitrogen but not including sulfur and which can be dissolved into the organic vehicle is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole, quinoline, isoquinoline, carbazole, indole, and 1,8-diazaphenanthrene.
6. The conductive paste according to claim 1, wherein the conductive powder comprises at least one material selected from the material group consisting of Pt, Ag, Ni, Cu, Al, and W or an

alloy including at least one material selected from the material group.

7. The conductive paste according to claim 1, wherein the conductive powder comprises at least one material selected from the material group consisting of Pt, Ag, Ni, Cu, Al, and W or an alloy including at least one material selected from the material group.

8. An electronic component comprising an electrode formed by using conductive paste according to claim 6.

9. An electronic component comprising an electrode formed by using conductive paste according to claim 2.

10. An electronic component comprising an electrode formed by using conductive paste according to claim 1.

11. An electronic component comprising an electrode formed by printing the conductive paste according to claim 1.

12. The electronic component according to claim 11, wherein the thickness of a primary part of the electrode is 1 mm or less.

13. The electronic component according to claim 11, wherein the electronic component is a monolithic ceramic capacitor.

14. An electronic component comprising an electrode formed by printing the conductive paste according to claim 2.

15. An electronic component comprising an electrode formed by printing the conductive paste according to claim 6.

16. A method of controlling the viscosity of a conductive paste including a conductive powder and an organic vehicle, which comprises:

adding to the conductive paste at least one compound which has a heterocyclic structure including nitrogen but not including sulfur and which can be dissolved into the organic vehicle.

17. A method of controlling the viscosity of a conductive paste according to claim 16, wherein the compound which has a heterocyclic structure including nitrogen but not including sulfur and which can be dissolved into the organic vehicle is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole, quinoline, isoquinoline, carbazole, indole, and 1,8-diazaphenanthrene.

18. A method of controlling the viscosity of a conductive paste according to claim 17, wherein the conductive powder comprises at least one material selected from the material group consisting of Pt, Ag, Ni, Cu, Al, and W or an alloy including at least one material selected from the material group.

19. A method of controlling the viscosity of a conductive paste according to claim 18, wherein the organic vehicle comprises at least one resin compound selected from the group consisting of compounds having a cellulose structure, compounds having a cellulose ester structure, and compounds having a cellulose ether structure.